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SUBJ: VISIT OF ROMANIAN TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL TO US

REFS: A) BUCHAREST 5150 B) BUCHAREST 4661 C) STATE 207747

1. GHEORGHE BALASOIU, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, CALLED IN EMBASSY OFFICER TO ADVISE THAT HE IS NOT COMMITTED TO DATES FOR US VISIT SENT REFTEL A AND ASKED FOR WASHINGTON REACTION TO TIMING. WEEK-LONG STAY BEGINNING EVENING DECEMBER 17 WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT, BUT DECEMBER 10 DEPARTURE ALSO POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT AWKWARD SINCE BALASOIU WILL NOT RETURN FROM POLAND UNTIL DECEMBER 8.

2. IN ADDITION SUBJECTS MENTIONED REFTEL A (MOTT/DOT MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING AND FISHERIES AGREEMENT), BALASOIU SAID HE WOULD LIKE DISCUSS FOLLOWING TOPICS AND WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE:

A) VISIT OF TRANSPORTATION MINISTER DUDAS. BALASOIU BELIEVES VISIT MOST LIKELY APRIL OR MAY 1975 AND WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN LAYING GROUNDWORK.

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B) ABS/RNR AGREEMENT. BALASOIU WISHES CONTACT AMERICAN

BUREAU OF SHIPPING REGARDING PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIAN
NAVAL REGISTRY.

C) MARITIME BILATERAL. BALASOIU IS FAMILIAR WITH US
POSITION (REFS B, C) BUT HINTED HE MAY MAKE ANOTHER PUSH FOR
AGREEMENT WHILE IN U.S.

3. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING TIMING OF VISIT AS WELL AS REACTION
TO BALASOIU'S PROPOSED AGENDA.
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